



# How to help your child KSI Year 1 and Year 2



In Key Stage 1, your child will be developing key skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, while also growing their independence and love for learning across a wider range of subjects. Our Dimensions 'Learning Means The World Curriculum' is full of exciting new knowledge.

Here are some tips for parents and carers to help your child thrive during this important stage:

## Support with Reading

### *Daily reading*

- Reading with your child every day helps improve their fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Aim for 10-15 minutes of reading together.

### *Ask questions*

- As you read, ask questions about the story to develop their understanding of characters, events, and new words.

*Visit the local library* – we have lots to visit in the local area

- Let them choose books that interest them, developing a love for reading.

## Encourage Writing Skills



### *Free writing*

- Support your children in developing a love of writing by encouraging them to write for fun. This might be a story, poem or creating a fact file or poster about a favourite animal.

### *Practice handwriting*

- Help your child develop neat handwriting by encouraging regular writing practice.

### *Spelling practice with Spelling Shed*

- Use Spelling Shed to make learning new words fun. The interactive games help them practice their weekly spelling lists in an engaging way.

### *Play word games*

- Games like hangman, word searches, and crossword puzzles help expand their vocabulary and spelling skills.
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## Strengthen Maths Skills

### *Use Maths Shed for number practice*

- Maths Shed is a great tool to support number bonds, mental maths, and fluency with numbers. Encourage your child to play regularly to reinforce key concepts.

### *Play with numbers in everyday life*

- Count objects, measure ingredients when cooking, and use money during shopping trips to make maths practical and fun. Support your child in telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks.

### *Times Tables Rockstars and maths passports*

- Encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars or the maths passports to build fluency with their times tables. Even though times tables are a focus in later years, starting early helps children develop a strong foundation.

## Encourage Independence and Responsibility

### *Daily tasks*

- Encourage independence by involving your child in daily tasks like tidying up, packing their school bag, or setting the table.

## Support Social Skills

### *Play games together*

- Board games or card games help children learn about taking turns, following rules, and being a good sport.

### *Encourage group play*

- Arrange playdates or visits to the park to help your child practice interacting with peers, developing social confidence and communication skills.

## Celebrate Achievements

### *Praise efforts and improvements*

- Celebrate not just the final result but the effort they put into their work. This will help build a growth mindset.

### *Celebrate milestones*

- Whether it's mastering a new spelling list or improving their speed in times tables, celebrate every achievement, no matter how small.

